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SUBJECT: CAGLAYANGIL MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM RE INTERCOMMUNAL  
TALKS

1. TURKISH EMBASSY HAS GIVEN US COPY OF LETTER FROM TURK-  
ISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL TO UNSYG WALDHEIM DATED  
FEBRUARY B (TEXT PARA 2). WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT  
AS TO WHETHER THIS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO INSURE RESUMPTION  
OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS FEBRUARY 17.

2. QUOTE. DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, I UNDERSTAND THAT  
HIS EXCELLENCY R. DENKTAS HAS ACCEPTED THE "MINIMUM BASIS  
OF UNDERSTANDING" WHICH YOU CONSIDERED AS NECESSARY FOR THE  
RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON 17TH FEBRUARY IN  
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VIENNA WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BRUSSELS PROCE-VERBAL.

THE LEADER OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY HAS ALSO PUBLICLY STATED HIS READINESS TO ATTEND THE TALKS AND TO CONDUCT SUBSTANTIAL DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING. THIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF HIS EXCELLENCY MR. DENKTASH, AS WELL AS YOUR "MINIMUM BASIS OF UNDERSTANDING" ARE FULLY ENDORSED BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

I HAVE MOST RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE, ALTHOUGH AFTER SOME HESITATION, HAS ACCEPTED YOUR "MINIMUM BASIS OF UNDERSTANDING" IS NOW SETTING FORTH PRE-

CONDITIONS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS, NAMELY THAT EACH PARTY SHOULD SUBMIT WRITTEN PROPOSALS ON ALL THREE ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM.

AS YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL CONCEDE THIS IS NOT ONLY A NEW ELEMENT, BUT ALSO A PROPOSAL WHICH CONTRAVENES EXPLICITLY THE CLEAR TERMS OF THE BRUSSELS AGREEMENT ON WHICH YOUR "UNDERSTANDING" REFERRED ABOVE IS BASED. AS YOU WILL RECALL, ONE OF THE BASIC POINTS OF THE BRUSSELS AGREEMENT TO WHICH TURKEY ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE, WAS THAT THE TALKS SHOULD RESUME WITHOUT ANY PRE-CONDITIONS. MY GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS ITS POSITION ON THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, I UNDERSTAND THAT HIS EXCELLENCY R. DENKTASH, AS A GOOD-WILL GESTURE, IN ORDER TO SHOW ONCE AND FOR ALL THE INTENTION OF THE TURKISH SIDE TO CONDUCT MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM AS WELL AS TO SUPPORT YOUR MOST VALUABLE AND APPRECIATED EFFORTS, IS PREPARED TO SUBMIT IF IT PROVES NECESSARY HIS VIEWS IN WRITING.

I HOPE, EXCELLENCY THAT THIS CONCILIATORY AND PRAISEWORTHY ATTITUDE OF HIS EXCELLENCY R. DENKTASH WILL BE DULY APPRECIATED AND RECIPROCATED BY ALL CONCERNED. IN THIS CONNECTION I SHALL CONTINUE TO HOPE THE GREEK SIDE, AFTER THESE CONCILIATORY ACTIONS BY THE TURKISH SIDE FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BRUSSELS AGREEMENT, WILL NOT CHOOSE TO RESORT TO DELAYING TACTICS OR TO DICTATE TO HIS EXCELLENCY MR. DENKTASH IN VIENNA A PRE-CONCEIVED SCHEME, DEVOID OF REALISM AND VIABILITY. OTHERWISE IT  
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WILL BECOME OBVIOUS THAT THEY ARE NOT ACTING WITH GENUINE INTENTIONS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, BUT ARE MOTIVATED WITH PURPOSES OF EITHER OBSTRUCTING THE TALKS OR EXPLOITING THEM FOR OBJECTIVES UNRELATED TO THIS ISSUE.

ALTHOUGH SINCERELY WISHING THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT OCCUR, NEVERTHELESS I FEEL BOUND TO INVITE YOUR ATTENTION

THAT IN CASE THE GREEK SIDE WERE TO ADOPT SUCH AN ATTITUDE IT WOULD BE FAIR FOR US TO EXPECT YOUR EXCELLENCY TO INFORM THE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION ON WHICH SIDE LAYS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FAILURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE EXPRESSIONS OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS, IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF TURKEY. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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